

Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program

September 26, 2006

This Request for Applications (RFA) is designed to solicit a grantee that will raise awareness regarding issues, consequences and potential risk with excessive gambling.

Questions and answers to issues raised by parties to the RFA

1. Do the PAC funds affect the current contract funds that have been awarded?

The funding for the Public Awareness Campaign is part of an initiative instituted by the Legislature in 2006 requiring the Nebraska Lottery to use five (5) percent of the advertising budget to support problem gambling prevention, awareness and other related activities. The public awareness campaign is just one piece of the lottery initiative and has no bearing on funding awarded through the Gamblers Assistance Program.

2. Item IV, B. #3, do we list time phased objectives for all three years?

Section III, IV. B requires a concise description of the Specific Aims in one page. The emphasis should be placed on Year 1, with broad statements concerning Year 2 and Year 3.

3. If a specific method is not working and is included in the financial piece, do we lose that portion of funds? If so, when? For example, if the specific method does not work in year one, are the funds lost for year two and three?

If the application response suggests a specific approach that at a later time is deemed unreliable or not functional, a request to change the scope of work would need to be submitted to the Gamblers Assistance Program Manager for approval. If justification can be found for a different approach the current funding would be transferred to the requested activity.

4. Can a PhD supervise a Provisionally Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselor?

Yes if the PhD is a certified compulsive gambling counselor. Title 201 states that a supervisor must be a certified compulsive gambling counselor.

5. Do we put in letters of support from community, as an attachment?

Section III, VIII states that attachments are limited to those requested in the application instructions, letters of support are not requested.

6. How often does the Strategic Planning Team meet?

The strategic planning meetings were held July 13, 2006 and August 28, 2006 with an option to hold another meeting at a later time. This is not an ongoing process. It had been approximately five (5) years ago that the Gamblers Assistance Program created a strategic plan and it is anticipated that it will be another three to five years before the strategic plan is revisited.

7. Will the PAC funds pay for mileage and expenses to travel to outlying states, such as the casinos that house Nebraska residents with gambling problems?

No, the intent of the grant is to educate/inform Nebraska residents at Nebraska locations.

8. Due to residing in such a rural area, is windshield time reimbursed, just mileage, or both?

Fifty percent of the grant can be used towards personnel costs/salaries. Mileage is not part of personnel costs. The personnel costs are based on salary and percent of time individual will dedicate to the grant.

9. What time on September 26th will the questions be answered?

Unknown

10. Would you give directions on how to complete the columns on the personal costs section of the personnel costs? What is the annual salary rate, source of funds-applicant and other (identify) and requested from fundee? Is there a formula to figure this? Is the PAC the fundee? Who is the other?

The annual salary for individuals is not determined by the funder, the only restriction on salary is stated in the RFA (a maximum of 50% of the budget can be used to fund personnel expenses). "Applicant and Other" refers to external funds that may be used to supplement the work described in the application. There is no specific formula, individual personnel cost are based on annual salary, percent of time work dedicated to project and number of months. The fundee/grantee is the potential applicant and the "other" is unknown to the funder.

11. Do we attach additional sheets to show the itemized expenses if all do not fit on the forms provided?

Additional pages are allowed if unable to provide necessary information on the provided forms.

12. On the budget justification, do we need to justify each expense item (for example, ink cartridges, paper, office supplies) or do we justify the entire group under the 4 headings (personal services, operations, travel, other expenses) and give a more general justification for each of the four groups listed.

At the discretion of the potential applicant

13. On the project budget summary, please explain the columns. Are the GAP funds the funds we are currently receiving with our individual contract, for example when we bill for individual session with a client? What are examples of other Federal Funds? What are examples of other state funds? Are the client fees for services rendered-estimated over the next three years? What are examples of other funding? Do we complete the budget justification, project budget summary and project budget for the three years on one or do we complete a set of forms for each of the three years?

Column B on the project budget summary would contain the summary of the category subtotals extracted from the Project Budget: Revenue and Expenses, sections A. Personnel Costs, B. Operating Expenses, Travel and C. Other Expenses. For the purpose of form "Project Budget Summary" the GAP funds column is the amount being requested by the fundee/grantee for this project. Other federal funds and state funds used specifically to advance the problem gambling public awareness initiative throughout Nebraska. If you expect to receive client fees associated with this initiative, an estimate would be required. Please complete an entire set of the budget justification, project budget summary and project budget forms for each year.